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TALKING POINTS

SUBJECT: Dr. Kissinger's Query on the Peripheral Reconnaissance Program

- In June, Dr. Kissinger asked the Secretary of Defense to prepare a study of these missions in terms of value versus cost, risk and political sensitivity.
 - . The DCI was to be consulted only on the value of the missions to national intelligence.
- Almost all of the 400-to-450 monthly peripheral reconnaissance mission proposals are primarily in direct support of military commanders and their operating forces.
 - . A number of these programs also provide significant benefits to national intelligence. (These judgments were incorporated in the DoD study.)
- DCI with advice from USIB forwarded comments to the Secretary of Defense on those specific programs which contribute to national intelligence (Tab A).
 - . Did not attempt to assess the programs in terms of the value to military commanders.
- At Tab B is a map of the airborne and shipborne programs examined in the DoD study.
 - . Those marked in yellow are the programs cited by DCI as those contributing to national intelligence.
- A shortened version of the DoD study was forwarded to Dr. Kissinger by Secretary Clements.

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- Mr. Clements states (Tab C) that 20-to-25 percent of the missions were not of "high or moderate value."
- These specific missions are not identified in the study.
- Mr. Clements and the Joint Chiefs of Staff are to study this further in terms of possible reductions, reporting results around 15 November.
- A draft of your proposed remarks to Dr. Kissinger on the DoD study is for background (Tab D).

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DATE: 26 October 1973

TO: Mr. Proctor

FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT:

Report on Reconnaissance Operations

REMARKS:

Attached, per your request, is the coordinated draft memorandum to Dr. Kissinger from Mr. Colby commenting on the DoD "Report on Reconnaissance Operations. It reflects minor changes proposed by SAVA and a rewrite of paragraph 6 suggested by the IC Staff and accepted by Dr. Steininger. To that extent, it differs from the 17 October draft passed to Mr. Colby in the "Talking Points" package prepared yesterday.

It remains in draft because Mr. Ratliff indicated in his 1 October memorandum that he would subsequently advise all addressees of the "precise date and manner" for the response. Today he advised us that the tentative 1 November target for either a 40 Committee meeting on the subject or specific comments thereon is now out of the question.

I recommend that we hold the attached memorandum until such time as we hear from Ratliff again.

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Remarks: Is it this really an IRAC problem rather than 40 Committee i.e. resources rather than policy? And could it not be included in the national - tactical interface study being done for SecDef JCS + me? —

*S**To: IRS*

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